

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device monitoring system, device monitoring program, and device monitoring method are provided which can monitor device status quickly without increasing the load on device management servers or increasing network traffic. Devices connected to a network are provided with a device monitoring function for monitoring another device and notifying a device management server or a third device of any abnormality. This eliminates the need for periodic interrogations of devices by the device management server and responses from the devices, and thus avoids increases in the load on the device management server and in network traffic even if the number of devices increases.